HOUSE BILL 3753

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 10, relative to easy access to child abuse prevention help.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 10, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

§ 37-10-501. In an effort to inform the citizens of Tennessee of a free resource for families and reduce instances of child abuse, the following measures shall be performed. All public transportation buses within the state of Tennessee are urged to promote the existence of a parental help line organized by the nonprofit organization Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee and the telephone numbers for such organization, 1-800-356-6767 and 1-800-CHILDREN, as space allows in interior advertising. The department of education shall require all local education agencies to distribute information on the help line including the telephone number to students and the students' parents. The department of human services shall also require any licensed child care facility to distribute information on the help line including the telephone number to children who attend the facility and the children's parents. The provisions of this section shall assist children, parents, teachers and child care workers in providing the information and support necessary for the positive development of children through a currently existing and free to the public resource.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.